

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The third full paragraph bridging pages five and six:

In ~~co-pending~~ U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/608,072 filed on February 28, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,718,811, a magnetic recording medium is disclosed which has a textured surface formed by sputtering a metallic layer, such as titanium or a titanium alloy, on a non-magnetic substrate, inclusive of a glass, glass-ceramics materials and NiP chemically plated Al-Mg alloy substrates. It has, however, been found difficult to produce a magnetic recording medium having a suitably high coercivity increasing Hr have not received significant attention. For example, prior efforts in this area have involved high precision photolithographic techniques, which are extremely time consuming and expensive. Accordingly, large volume production is virtually impossible.

The second full paragraph on page eight:

~~Co-pending application~~ Application Serial No. 08/699,759, filed on August 20, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,866,227, discloses that Cr films deposited on surface oxidized NiP layers experience smaller grains than Cr films deposited on non-oxidized NiP layers. Application ~~Co-pending application~~ Serial No. 08/586,529, filed on January 16, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,733,370, discloses a method of depositing Cr films on surface oxidized NiP films, wherein the deposited Cr films exhibit a (200) – dominant crystallographic orientation.

The third full paragraph on page eight:

In ~~co-pending~~ Application Serial No. 08/945,084 filed on October 17, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,010,795 (~~Our Docket No. 2674-052; 50103-092~~), a magnetic recording medium having high coercivity is disclosed, which magnetic recording medium

comprises a seedlayer having an oxidized surface formed on a non-magnetic substrate, a chromium-containing sub-underlayer on the oxidized surface of the seedlayer, a nickel-aluminum or iron-aluminum underlayer, a chromium-containing intermediate layer on the underlayer and a magnetic layer on the intermediate layer.

The third full paragraph on page eight:

~~Co-pending~~ Application Serial No. 09/043,610 filed on March 19, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,218,028 (~~Our Docket No. 2674-057; 50103-098~~) discloses a magnetic recording medium comprising a sputter textured layer.

The fourth full paragraph bridging pages eight and nine:

In ~~co-pending~~ applications Serial Nos. 08/972,229 filed on November 17, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,021,032, (~~Our Docket No. 2674-072; 50103-118~~) and Serial No. 08/955,448 filed on October 21, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,207,926 (~~Our Docket No. 2674-073; 50103-119~~), methods are disclosed for employing a laser beam to texture a data zone.